

MANTOLOKING ENVIROINMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 14, 2015

Meeting No: 2015-04

Members Present: Bixby, Buck, Daly, McIntyre, Pilling, Wesson, White, Witkowski
Members Absent: None

- Chairman Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- The minutes of the March 2015 meeting were approved.
- C. Bixby stated that the spring newsletter was completed and posted on the Borough web site and was distributed via the Mantoloking Reporter. Courtney thanked Jen and Eileen for the contributions and edits.
- C. Bixby stated that the upcoming dune planting presentation was proceeding well. An announcement of the presentation was made at the March Council meeting and has been put up on the Borough web site and distributed via the Mantoloking Reporter. Eileen will have the announcement placed in the Ocean Star. Posters are being made up and will be placed at key locations in Bay Head and Mantoloking.

Eileen suggested that everyone “talk up” the presentation and that anyone who uses a landscaping contractor should encourage their landscaper to come to the presentation.

Jen suggested that someone video the talk by Dr. Wootton. Jen will not be able to make the presentation but would assist anyone willing to video the talk.

Jen noted that a blog trotter service that her mother follows had a reference to the presentation and inferred that the presentation subject matter was beach re-nourishment / replenishment. Jen suggested a different name for the presentation. The group felt that it was too late to change the name and clarification of the subject matter will be addressed in future announcements.

- The Earth Day litter pickup was discussed by the group. Eileen stated that she has been in contract with Brita Wenzel of Save Barnegat Bay (SBB) and SBB has tentatively arranged for approximately 85 college students from Rutgers to assist with the clean-up however, the clean up would need to take place this Saturday, April 18 vs. the original date of April 25. A discussion was held regarding the logistics of moving up the clean up date and in the end it was decided to move up the date to accommodate the Rutgers volunteers.

Joe Daly wanted to confirm that only public property would be cleaned up during the event. It was confirmed that only publicly owned property or Right of Ways would be cleaned up during this event. No private properties would be cleaned up as part of this event.

- Sandy W. stated that the Seaweeders have a landscaping plan for the new Patty Brand garden along Bergen Avenue and the Seaweeders will begin work on the garden later this spring.
- Jen asked if everyone saw the article in the Asbury Park Press regarding the beach replenishment project. Recent legal rulings and delays in easements will push back the project at least another year if not longer. Jen will email a hyperlink to the article to everyone.
- The next meeting will be May 12, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at the Mantoloking Yacht Club Sailing Center.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Courtney Bixby, Chairman